(Opposing) Testimony

Honorable Members of the Housing Committee Date: 2/18/2020

SB 105: An Act allowing present and future tenants to sue current landlords for lead poisoning that could be contracted from somewhere else entirely

I oppose SB 105

Good Morning. My name is Rudy and I'm a full time landlord in New Britain

SB 105 - Tenant's Right To Housing: We oppose providing free lawyers for those facing evictions as it will result in abuses of the system and long delays in getting non-paying rental units back under your control... depriving units of needed maintenance and putting pressure on payment like property taxes and mortgages with tenants living rent free

SB 105 — certainly tenants have rights to housing and there is no shortage of opportunity for them in the current system to maintain housing. Over 85% of eviction cases are for non-payment of rent, It cost property owners \$4000-\$5000 to resolve eviction cases already. This cost will ultimately be passed on to consumers in the form of higher rents.

Shorter eviction times would give vulnerable at risk tenants more opportunity to find rental housing in the future. Common sense would dictate that the more costly and time consuming the process, the more strict and vigilant landlords will need to be the next time riskier prospective tenants apply. OPPOSE

Please oppose SB 105 for the benefit of Property Owners & tenants!

(always reflect on how it effects tenants, not just Landlords)

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me for more information.

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